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LOCAL CALL TARIFF SCHEME
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the present criteria for local call facility provided in rural and urban areas;

(b) whether Government have decided to connect local call facility from every village to their respective District Headquarters in the country;

(c) whether Government propose to increase local call distance up to 500 Kms from existing limit at present;

(d). if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;

(e) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has directed the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to extend its recently announced 200 Km. Local call tariff scheme to all the States;

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

g) the time by which said facility is likely to be provided?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The information is given at Annexure

(b) Local call facility without `0` from village to respective District Headquarter is provided only under the criteria stated at (a) above.

(c) & (d): No sir. There is no such proposal.

(e) to(g). Local call tariff scheme as stated under (a) has been extended in all the States

ANNEXURE

Criteria for provision of local call facility for Urban/Rural Areas:-

1. Local call facility at 180 sec.pulse rate is presently provided :-

i). When Two Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs) are adjacent

ii). When the radial distance between the two Short Distance Charging Centres (SDCCs) of two SDCAs falling in the same o adjacent Long Distance Charging Areas (LDCAs) is upto 50 Kms.

iii). When the radial distance between two Long Distance Charging Centres (LDCCs) of two non-adjacent LDCAs is upto 50 Kms.

2. Local dialing without `0` at concessional tariff in distance slab of >50-200 Kms; is also provided for intra circle calls and calls between Delhi and SDCAs located. in NCR